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TOP STORIES

The Navy needs a 21st Century Human Capital Strategy that fully capitalizes on the strengths of all its people, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark said during his Aug. 3 address to the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) at the Naval Support Activity.

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On Aug. 23 through 25, a religious festival honoring Santa Anastasia (Saint Anastasia), the city patron saint will take place in the historic center. The Motta community will show its devotion to the saint with processions and holy masses. Complementing the religious festival, fireworks, folklore and music shows will be held in the city *Rioni* (districts).

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For 15 Department of Defense Dependents' Schools (DoDDS) teachers and employees, this summer vacation has offered little in the way of vacation.

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The pride and professionalism of Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN (VP-16) the "War Eagles," deployed to Naval Air Station Sigonella, goes well beyond their daily participation in joint NATO operations.

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The facts about NASSIG housing

By Alexis James
Staff Writer

Base housing. Most people in the military experience it sooner or later in their career, but situations abroad are sometimes different than those in the United States. There are different responsibilities, different contracts, changing environments and conditions. Housing officials say that being a part of the Sigonella neighborhood may come with a diverse set of circumstances, but the idea of living within a community will still take residents a long way.

Mandatory housing:

For each family that leaves Sigonella government housing, there is probably someone waiting in the wings to take their spot, which, according to a local NASSIG instruction, has to happen. Sandra Peterson, Housing director, explains that all housing units must be occupied before families can move into the economy. "[Those moving in] will be made an offer of the unit that has been available the longest," she says. "Right now [those units] happen to be in Mineo."

There was a period of less than three weeks recently when all the houses were full and there was a freeze, but many units have opened since then, and new families must move into them. It is possible that the housing units may fill up, but this usually happens from the "top, down." In accordance with the force structure, "the least amount of housing will be for officers, then senior enlisted, then junior enlisted pay grade," notes NCC Phil Mastropasqua, Housing liaison.

New Sigonellans can turn down their first housing offer, but will then be offered a home in one of the units in 205, or any of the government housing communities on the economy. Peterson



The Maranai housing area, outside of Naval Air Station Sigonella NAS II, hosts families of officer and enlisted personnel. Those living in base housing must abide by certain rules and regulations.

sees these outlying housing areas as alternatives for people who may not be happy with the mandate that they live in government quarters. "There's been a few that are upset that they can't, they wanted to go on the economy," she says. "These complexes are out on the economy, out in the community," and she notes, while some people don't want to live that far away, others prefer it.

Pools:

Once a family moves into housing, there are regulations to live by, just like in any quarters on any base. A recent point of contention involved backyard pools. As of now, the rule is pools must be no bigger than six feet in diameter, and only 22 inches high, they must be in the backyard with the gate secured. However, starting next season, housing is making arrangements for residents to be able to own the above-

ground pools sold in the Exchange. "The resident will need to come in and sign a form saying that they understand the guidelines," says Peterson. "They will be responsible for any damage to the yard from this pool and must restore it to its original condition prior to vacating."

Water:

One reason pool maintenance was more aggressively regulated this summer Housing, page 5

Clinic welcomes new veterinarian

Story and Photos by Alexis James
Staff Writer



Army Capt. Abbe Ames reviews documentation with Pfc. Joaquin Ramos in the Naval Air Station Sigonella Animal Clinic. Ames is the new veterinarian at the clinic.

It's not surprising to see Army Capt. Abbe Ames in a vet clinic. As a fifth generation veterinarian—a family tradition that started with a relative who was the doctor for General Grant's horses—she fits right in on her family tree. What is surprising about Sigonella's newest vet is where she came from.

This is the beginning of another chapter for Ames. Not a second career nor even a third, this job is one of many accomplishments in a string of things she said she "had to get out of my system." She explains: "I really had to explore what was out there, if there were other things that I might be more interested in, and I found out that I wasn't."

Being a vet was in her blood, she admits, something that was always in the back of her mind. "I kind of did a lot of other things with my life. I've done harness racing, and house painting and coal mined for 14 years in Wyoming, been a heavy equipment operator, horse racer and a mechanic. I also used to race cars." She says she, "finally decided to pursue my dream."

The way she sees it, she chose to leave room for change in her life, rather than get pinned down to one job or lifestyle. Her choice to join the Army fits in with that. "I love the opportunity the Army can afford a veterinarian. It's not a traditional lifestyle." After four years at veterinary school at Colorado State University, she was commissioned in the Army and stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

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Pet Connections

By Alexis James
Staff Writer

Want a new family member? It doesn't have to be a child—adding a furry friend to your household can be as easy as making a trip to the Stray Animal Facility. Pet Connections helps people who want new animals as well as those who may not have room for their pet any more. Since the facility does not act as a Humane Society, Pet Connections makes Sigonellans aware of the animals that are available.

"It's kind of another way of advertising animal to public," says SH3 Shelly Kennington, Lead Party Officer of the program. "We don't accept drop offs or anything... we offer Pet Connections because there is no other option on the island."

For those needing to adopt out a current pet, Stray Animal Facility will take a picture of the pet to put in a log book. When someone comes in looking for a new animal—in addition to seeing the stray animals in the facility—they can flip through the book and decide which one they want to take home. Through Pet Connections, the animal is connected to its new family.

Kennington also suggests giving the pet face time. "Go outside of the commissary with a sign," she recommends. She says putting up flyers helps as well. "If people can see it, it's easier to find a new home for it."

Because of the program, turn around for pets is very good. Kennington notes that there are only a couple animals that have been on the adoption list for more than two months.

To take advantage of Pet Connections call the Stray Animal Facility at 624-3936.



CO's Corner

Capt. Joe Stuyvesant
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

Last week, we had a mishap on the airfield that involved the Black Stallions of Heavy Helicopter Combat Squadron Four (HC-4). I am very pleased to tell you that we had no fatalities or life-threatening injuries. The pilot and co-pilot did a great job ensuring the safety of their crew after the mishap under very challenging conditions.

HC-4 continues to provide outstanding logistical support to the base, the theater and our NATO friends in the Mediterranean. The squadron's personnel are dedicated, professional and are ready to handle anything that comes their way. In the past year, they had the privilege to escort the President and Vice-President on their visits to Europe. They serve an important mission to the base and the Fleet and we all appreciate their service.

Having a mishap on base of that magnitude brings to mind the vast resources we have on NAS Sigonella dedicated to the safety of our shipmates. I would like to thank the base Crash, Fire, Rescue department, Security, Naval Hospital personnel and the 41st Stormo Crash, Fire and Rescue squad for their immediate assistance in the on-site emergency scene. The medical attention they are receiving at the Naval Hospital continues and we are lucky to have a group of professional and dedicated men and women working for us.

When we do have a mishap or emergency on base, we are prepared to handle it quickly and calmly. We activate the Incident Management System (IMS) through the Fire Department or Security Department and quickly adapt to the situation. The Incident Commander (IC) is in charge of the scene to ensure that safety, health and security measures are in place. Other situations that can arise that we would implement the IMS include hostage taking, terrorist attacks, barricaded persons, civil disturbances, major accidents, and natural disasters.

Our base training department conducts IMS training each month for anyone who would like to participate. They also have quarterly drills to make sure the system works. To take advantage of these training opportunities, please call Base Training at 624-9205.

Mishaps can happen. Sometimes, things just go wrong and a mishap results. We train constantly to limit the risks and to be prepared just in case something bad happens. It is good to know that when a mishap occurs we are trained and ready to respond. Our prayers and thoughts are with the injured crew and their families. BZ to HC-4 and the NAS Sigonella community for taking care of our own.

HEALTHWATCH

Ship Shape Sigonella

What is it?

The Ship Shape Program is the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED)-approved weight management program, coordinated by the Health Promotion Department at the local Navy Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs). The program was developed and made available at the local MTF level to increase accessibility of a weight management program for Active Duty Sailors and Marines needing assistance in maintaining Physical Readiness Standards.

Ship Shape is designed to provide active-duty personnel with basic information regarding nutrition, stress management, exercise and behavior modification techniques to lower and maintain an acceptable body weight and body fat percentage that is within Navy

Standards. Attendance is open to all active duty personnel, especially anyone who exceeds, or is in danger of exceeding, body composition assessment standards.

Program Goal: To increase the number of active duty who are living a healthy lifestyle and maintaining a healthy weight.

Ship Shape consists of eight sessions, each conducted by the program facilitator and a subject matter expert, if appropriate. A description of each session can be found at http://www.nmhc.med.navy.mil/hp/Shipshape/About_SS.htm.

How do I get a referral?

Potential program participants are referred to the Shipshape Program, via a referral from the Command Fitness Leader (CFL) to the Ship Shape Coordinator at the local MTF's Health Promotion Dept. Even those who self-refer into the program will need to obtain the written referral from the CFL. The CFL will complete the written referral form and have it endorsed by the command CO or OIC. The referral form will include baseline height, weight and body fat percentage measurements.

A sample of the Ship Shape Quota Request Form can be downloaded from <http://www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/quotashipshape.htm>.

When and Where is it offered?

The Ship Shape Program is now available in Sigonella!

Here in Sigonella, Ship Shape will be offered once in 2004. Class for hospital staff from Sept. 3 through Oct. 22; Class for other NASSIG or tenant commands from Sept. 4 through Oct. 23. If you are interested in participation in the Ship Shape program you should obtain a recommendation and referral from your CO or OIC through your Command Fitness Leader. If you would like more information about Ship Shape, call Traci Scott @ 624-4710.



CRIMESTOPPER'S HOTLINE

624-6389

Aug. 9 - Aug. 15

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 10
- Traffic accidents with injuries - 0
- Car break-ins - 2
- DUI's - 2
- DUI's 2004 - 19
- DUI's 2003 - 58

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Aug 26 is Women's Equality Day

By OSC(SW) Paul Voges, CNRE
Equal Opportunity Advisor

How has the Women's Movement affected your life? How do you think your life would have been different if you had been born the opposite sex? What is Women's Equality Day?

On August 26th, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which granted the women the right to vote, was ratified. This was the culmination of the long struggle by women for the right to vote. In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26th as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment and to celebrate women's continued efforts toward equality. The President "calls upon the citizens of our great Nation to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities" annually in the Women's Equality Day Presidential Proclamation.

We celebrate Women's Equality Day to commemorate the tremendous positive change brought on by the Women's Movement. Due

to the countless millions of women who planned, organized, lectured, wrote, petitioned, lobbied, paraded, and broke new ground in every field imaginable, our world is irrevocably changed. Women can be proud of the legacy of the Women's Rights Movement.

The long struggle for women's rights actually began in Seneca Falls, NY, in 1848. The hard work and determination of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony helped to blaze the path that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Neither of these women lived to see the passing of the 19th Amendment, but when the Amendment was passed in 1920, it was also referred to as the "Anthony Amendment." With the issue of the new dollar coin in 1979, Anthony became the first woman to be depicted on United States currency.

The exemplary performance of women serving in our Armed Forces has greatly helped women in every branch. Naval policy has been adjusted so that all communities in

the Navy are open to women with the exception of submarines and the SEALs. There are no longer any restrictions on enlisted women in aviation. Accessions and pipeline selections are gender neutral, and all aviation rating are open to enlisted women. Women have taken advantage of the new opportunities and have quickly risen up the ranks.

The highest-ranking woman in the Navy is a three-star Admiral. There are currently eleven active duty female flag officers and three female flag selectees. Women have commanded and are currently in command of major commands, combatant ships, aviation squadrons, CEC commands, Special Operations units and numerous shore commands. Enlisted women serve as CNO appointed Command Master Chiefs and as Command Master Chiefs in squadrons and onboard ships. Each and every member of our Navy Team contributes to mission readiness and accomplishment through diversity.

Mission First. People Always.

NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass
Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41st Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Traditional Service
Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

United Pentecostal Church, International
Sunday Noon Chapel, (NAS II)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Jewish Shabbat Service
Last Friday of the month 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Muslim Jumuah
Friday 12:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I) Classroom

Weekdays
Catholic Mass 4:30 p.m.
Monday & Tuesday
11:30 a.m. Thursday & Friday (NAS I)
Monday thru Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (NAS II)
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study
4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)
5 p.m. (NAS I Chapel)
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

Be safe Sigonella...
drive to arrive.

Khaki's only this week



By Chaplain
Richard
Townes
Command
Chaplain

As I entered the gym I noticed a sign that said something about a rash of unsanitary vandalism. The sign also mentioned that it would take 45 minutes to clean and sanitize whatever was being soiled. That caused me to think about other unsanitary conditions that I've observed around the base and especially within the khaki community that may linger a life-time. I am talking about filthy and unprofessional grammar.

I've been in the bowling alley, enjoying a game of ten-pins with my wife and friends and have heard very foul language spewing forth from the music speakers and out of the mouths of those who missed the 7-10 split. I heard very bad language from the carnival rides at the Freedom Fest even though children were standing in line waiting to hop on the ill-a-whirl. I have heard vulgarities while in the gym, again from music, but also from service members who couldn't lift the entire stack on the bench press. But more troubling is the unprofessional language (vulgar speech) I've heard from khakis on the job, at the commissary, and at social functions.

These examples are not issues of "freedom of speech." They are issues of leadership. We are leaders! What example of quality leadership are we setting when we can't even complete one entire sentence without saying "at %!# this" or "at %!# that"? How professional do we appear when we can't even keep from using sexually

explicit language at the wardrobe or chiefs' mess where there are many spouses in attendance? What kind of leaders are we when we accept the low or ill-mannered form of behavior without encouraging something better?

You may be tempted to say that I'm complaining because I'm a Christian chaplain. Not so. What I'm writing about doesn't have as much to do with religion as it does with honor, integrity, and professionalism.

While public vulgarity or sexual verbiage should never be the norm, I believe this is especially true of leaders. The Naval Officer's Guide states that as officers we are to "Abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, taking responsibility for our actions..." (p. 19). Furthermore it says, "We are accountable for our professional and personal behavior" (p. 19). In the chapter on *Oral and Written Communication* we find these words, "Similarly, verbal eccentricities such as the use of obscure words or reliance on profanity or other offensive language to make a point can interfere with your ability to communicate effectively."

In other words, use of profanity and offensive language leaves the impression that we don't have command of our native tongue and may demonstrate that we don't have command of our personal affairs, potentially casting a long, dark shadow upon our ability to lead.

As chiefs and officers we are professionals and our professionalism or lack of it is readily announced to the world around us by the words we speak. My hope and prayer is that together we always demonstrate proper etiquette, protocol, and decorum everywhere, especially in the public square.

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NAVY NEWS

CNO to NNOA: 21st Century Human CapitALL system needed now

By Senior Chief Journalist (SW) Katie Suich, Navy Personnel Command Communications

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — The Navy needs a 21st Century Human Capital Strategy that fully capitalizes on the strengths of all its people, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark said during his Aug. 3 address to the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) at the Naval Support Activity here.

"You spell capital — C-a-p-i-t-a-l. Let's spell it with two Ls. I want the Human Capital Strategy to talk about us ALL. A Human Capital Strategy is going to help our Navy capture the genius of ALL our people," Clark said. "We cannot have the Navy we dream about without having a Navy that captures the genius and the richness of all our people."

Clark said that ongoing victories in the battle for people have enabled the Navy to focus on creating this new strategy. "At the heart of everything that is good that is happening in our Navy is this: we are winning the battle for people, and it shows," the CNO said. "The tone of what's going on in the Navy is something that I love."

To continue to make gains in the battle for people, Clark called on leaders to continue to focus on mission accomplishment, and the growth and development of their people. He also thanked the members of NNOA for their work to build a more diverse fighting force.

"You have committed yourselves to this task: to accomplish a mission in figuring out how to support the men and women of the United States of America who have decided that they are going to take up the challenge that has been presented to us," he said.

Expanding the meaning of diversity in the Navy, the CNO cited the first nuclear submarine officer to take command of a carrier strike force, the first Buddhist chaplain to be commissioned in the history of the Navy, and the first Naval Flight Officer (NFO) to make Flag officer, the late Rear Adm. Ben Hacker, as examples.

"What a great American, Ben Hacker was," the CNO said. "Notice I didn't say anything about the fact that he



Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark is interviewed by Public Affairs Officer Lt. Karen Eifert after being the keynote speaker at the 32nd Professional Development and Training Conference aboard Naval Support Activity Mid-South.

was an African American. He was the first NFO ever to make Flag."

The CNO talked about the diversity of experience in today's Navy. He pointed to a recent NROTC commissioning ceremony comprised of students from Old Dominion University, Hampton University and Norfolk State University, as a vision of the future Navy. Of the 47 graduates he commissioned at the ceremony, 75 percent of them had prior fleet experience in the enlisted ranks.

"Thirty-seven of the 47 of those young people who stood out there and raised their right hand and promised to support and defend the constitution that day were out there doing it," Clark said. "They were out there as young enlisted people. And that's how they got their start."

"Of the 37, eight [were] women, and 22 Hispanics and African Americans, a diverse group of people that were coming into the Marine Corps and the Navy that day. All of them had one thing in mind: how do I make a difference?" Clark said. "Our task is to make sure we create an environment where they can make a difference."

Clark concluded by challenging the NNOA to stretch their thinking beyond the officer corps.

"The 21st Century Human Capital Strategy is about blurring the lines between the officer and the enlisted structure," the CNO said. "We are not looking for glass ceilings or hard ceilings on top of anybody."

"I'm absolutely convinced that our asymmetric advantage is the genius of our people, and we need to figure out how to tap into it."

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained Advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7. The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

DoD assists CDC with anthrax plasma project

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Departments of Defense (DoD) and Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced Aug. 11 that the military will support a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) effort to create a new medication against anthrax.

This new medication, anthrax immune globulin (AIG), is an antibody-based medication and could become a critical medical countermeasure for the nation in case of an anthrax attack.

Anthrax-vaccinated military personnel at Army installations will be invited to donate some of their blood plasma to support this effort to create and evaluate AIG. The first installation is Fort Campbell, Ky. Military personnel will receive brochures and oral presentations about the project when they receive anthrax vaccinations beginning Aug. 11 at Ft. Campbell. Other installations will be included at a later date.

The plasma will be used to make the new medication, AIG. If AIG passes several tests, it will be stored for emergency use to treat patients with severe anthrax infection. AIG use would occur under Food and Drug Administration oversight, since AIG is considered an investigational new drug. The plasma-donation project is sponsored by CDC.

Most of the people in the United States vaccinated against anthrax are U.S. military personnel. For this reason, the secretary of Health and Human Services asked for Defense Department assistance in requesting plasma from anthrax-vaccinated troops. Whether AIG will be useful in treating severe cases of anthrax is not yet known, but it is under investigation.

The 2001 anthrax attack catalyzed development of AIG. During the 2001 anthrax attack, the mortality rate from severe (inhalational) anthrax disease was 45 percent. The hope is that administering AIG with the recommended antibiotic treatment will decrease the death rate of persons with inhalational anthrax during possible future anthrax attacks.

Plasma donors must have received four or more doses of anthrax vaccine. For this program, most plasma donations will begin between 10 and 21 days after vaccination. Donors must pass a physical examination, medical history screening, and blood tests. The goal is for each donor to begin donating plasma at about two weeks after vaccination, and to continue donating plasma once a week for 10 consecutive weeks.

The plasma will be processed by Cangene Corp., working with plasma-donation centers in Clarksville, Tenn., near Fort Campbell, and other locations at a later date.

For more information about this plasma-donation project, visit www.anthrax.mil.

For more news from the Department of Defense, go to www.defenselink.mil.

Health benefits for military families aren't 'automatic'

By Mary Kate Zabroske, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Department of Defense TRICARE officials are working to inform military families that non-active duty beneficiaries must enroll in the health care system before they see a doctor.

Active-duty service members are automatically registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). However, this isn't the case with family members, who must personally ensure they are properly enrolled in DEERS to be eligible for TRICARE benefits. This is a step many families forget each time they transfer or travel. Not keeping DEERS information current, though, can create extra time in the waiting room or costly out-of-pocket expenses.

"It is extremely important to keep DEERS records up-to-date, because that is the key to receiving timely, effective TRICARE benefits. Prior to rendering services to beneficiaries, network providers and pharmacies will verify DEERS eligibility," said Floyd (Skip) Katon, Navy DEERS medical project officer.

There are several instances where a military family must update their DEERS enrollment information. These times include marriage, the birth or adoption of a child, divorce and retirement. Children over 21 years old who have a student status must also be registered in DEERS. Active-duty servicemembers can make these changes by completing a DD Form 1172 (Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card and DEERS Enrollment).

While completing the DD Form 1172, the service member will be required to have certain important pieces of documentation, such as a marriage, birth or death certificate, divorce decree and family members Social Security numbers.

Sponsors and their families should contact the nearest uniformed services identification card facility to learn what documents are needed to register or update DEERS information. To find the closest facility, search by ZIP code at www.dmdc.osd.mil.

For family members who do not reside with their sponsors, the sponsors must get the DD 1172 notarized.

Beneficiaries may update information on DEERS in one of the following ways: visit a local uniformed services ID card facility; call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at 1-800-538-9552; fax changes to DEERS at 1-831-655-8317; mail the address change to the Defense Manpower Data Center Office, ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, Calif. 93955-6771; or update addresses electronically at www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERS.

News Briefs

SDS bus passes

School bus passes and the School Bus Newsletter may be picked up from the school Transportation Office starting Aug. 30 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Previously issued passes are obsolete and should be returned to the school transportation office.

SDS new student orientation

Stephen Decatur Secondary School will hold new Student Orientation on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 9 a.m. in the Information Center for grades 6 through 12. For more information call 624-4282.

CDC openings

The Child Development Center currently has openings for the 2004-2005 Part Day Enrichment Program.

We offer a Mon-Wed-Fri class for 4-year-old children from 8:30 to 11:30. Your child must be 4 by October 31, 2004 to enroll in this class.

We also offer a Tue-Thurs class for 3-year-old children from 8:30-11:30. Your child must be 3 by October 31, 2004 to enroll in this class.

Both of these classes begin the week of Sept. 13, with a mandatory Parent Orientation on Aug. 30 or 31.

*Space is also available in our School-Age Care Kindergarten program (SAC-K) for before and after school care.

Call the CDC at 624-3736 or stop by for more information.

As always, if you need full time childcare, either at the Child Development Center or in a Child Development Home, please call or come by to check availability and/or put your child's name on the waiting list.

Single Sailor Dinners

Enjoy A Good Home-cooked Dinner

For Single Sailors, Sundays 5:30 p.m. at the NAS 1 Chapel Fellowship

The dinners are provided free of charge. Disclaimer: we cannot be held responsible for any weight gain as a result of these delicious meals.

Attention youth soccer players

Soccer players ages (10-12) male and female.

Anyone interested in playing competitive soccer this fall is asked to contact Jim Burke at 624-5116(W) or 624-0214(H) for further details.

Stennis remembers four aviators lost in Viking crash

By Lt. Corey Barker, USS John C. Stennis Public Affairs

ABOARD USS JOHN C. STENNIS, At Sea (NNS) — Navy S-3B Viking jets flew in the missing man formation over the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Aug. 15, as a 21-gun salute sounded across the flight deck during a memorial service for four aviators Aug. 10.

More than a thousand officers and crew assembled on the flight deck to remember their four shipmates, lost when their S-3B Viking crashed in the Western Pacific.

Lt. Patrick Sean Myrick, 31, of Santa Monica, Calif.; Lt.



Sailors stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) gather on the flight deck during a memorial service to honor four fallen Sailors.

James Joseph Pupplo, 34, of Selden, N.Y.; Lt. Cmdr. Scott Allen Zelle, 35, of Indiana, Penn.; and Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Joshua Brent Showalter, 24, of Fontana, Calif., were assigned to Sea Control Squadron (VS) 35, based at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif., when their aircraft impacted Kita Iwo Jima, an uninhabited island located approximately 39 nautical miles north of Iwo Jima.

"The setting is poignant, notable and especially fitting. We are in historic waters represented by great ships of the line with names and lineage that represent the soul of our Navy. These waters have special meaning for us because it is here that our forefathers experienced triumph as well as tragedy," said the commander of the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group, Rear Adm. Patrick Walsh, during the ceremony.

"Now we return to these hallowed waters to honor the pride of a new generation of four shipmates who started their life's journeys from four diverse parts of America. They were men of principle who answered the call of a wounded nation to lead a life of consequence and take risks for a cause larger than themselves. A cause and risk today that is equally as large to those who have gone before us," Walsh said.

"We remember these four men as men of virtue, pride and commitment. We remember them as larger than life, yet as humble as they were brave," Walsh said. "I remember them as one team who chose to offer themselves for a simple, but noble purpose: to serve."

"I offer my profound gratitude to the families who shared their sons, their husbands, their brothers and their fathers with us," he said.

The ceremony concluded when two Sailors played "Taps" over the ship's silent decks.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMMUNITY CALENDAR					20 August Taormina & Alcantara Gorge ITT Call 624-4777	21 Babysitter Training Red Cross 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 624-4900
22 Siracusa III & Seafood Restaurant ITT Call 624-4777	23 SDS Varsity Football Practice 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Field behind Barracks #170 NAS I	24 Single Parent Association Meeting 4:15 p.m. at the Crater Pub, NAS I. Call 624-0345/4863	25 Taormina Arte Operetta: La Vedova Allegra ITT Call 624-4777	26 Anger Management FFSC Bldg 319 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 624-4291	27 Catania by Night & Wine Tasting ITT Call 624-4777	28 Marzamemi Boat Tour Adventures Unlimited Call 624-4271
29 Single Sailor Free Dinners 5:30 p.m. NAS I Chapel	30 Cooking Class FFSC Bldg 319 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 624-4291	31 National Kid Day Celebration 205 Youth Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	1 Sept.	2 Formal Japanese surrender ending World War II signed, 1945	3	4
5 Single Sailor Free Dinners 5:30 p.m. NAS I Chapel	6 Labor Day Observed	7 First day of School for Stephen Decatur School	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day
THE CRATER PUB Fri., Aug. 20 Stop by the base MWR theater for a Summer Matinee. Take advantage of reduced matinee prices all summer long. Call 624-4216 for more information.		Sat., Aug. 21 Experience Mt. Etna in the latest generation of off-road vehicles. Leave the tour bus behind and visit the lava flows, lava caves, the Bove Valley, Alcantara Gorge and more. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.	Sun., Aug. 22 Explore Siracusa, the oldest town in Sicily. Visit the Castello Eurialo and Museum Paolo Orsi, one of the most important museums in Europe. Afterward, relax with a meal at a restaurant in Ortigia. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.	Mon., Aug. 23 Stop by the Crater Pub for some BINGO action. Cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m. and early-bird games start at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes for winners.	Tues., Aug. 24 The Crater Pub has some Tuesday night action for you. Be the first to make all 15 balls in 16 shots and win a prize in their Billiard Contest.	Wed., Aug. 25 Stop by the Crater Pub for a Nine Ball Pool Tournament at 7 p.m. You could win a classic "Dead Stroke" t-shirt.

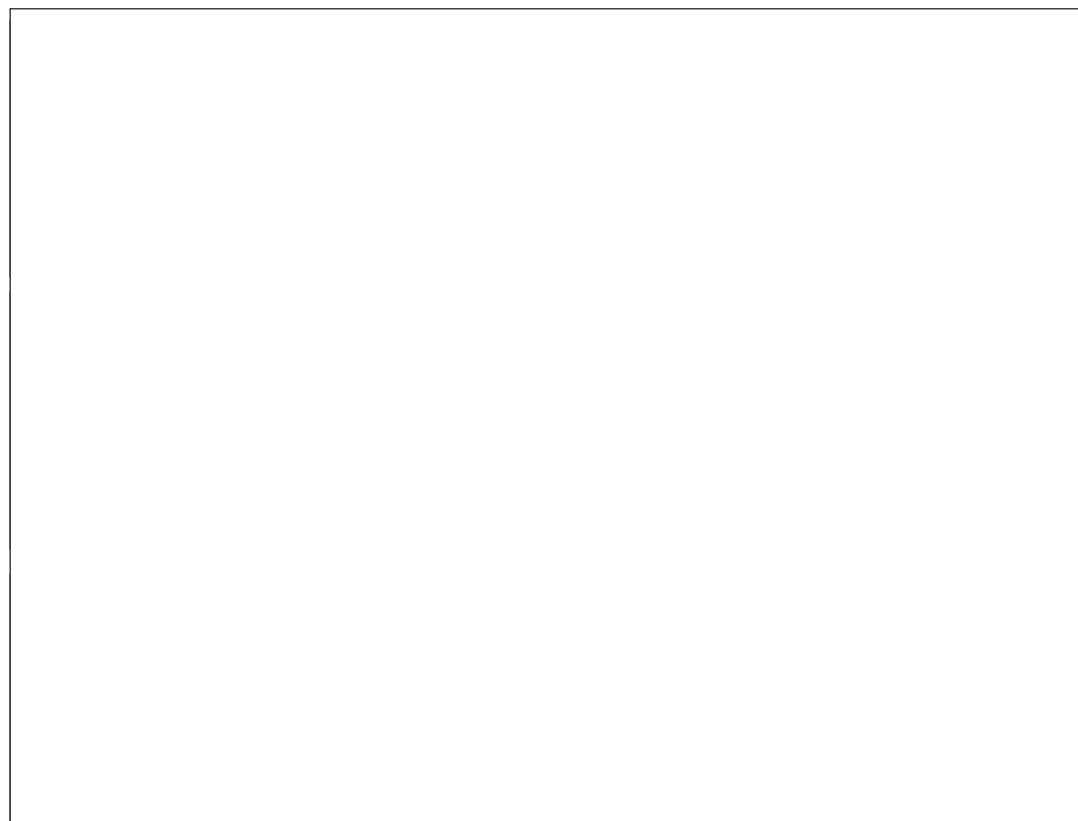




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The Maranai housing area, outside of Naval Air Station Sigonella NAS II, has a curfew in effect which says children under 17 are to be off the streets between 11p.m. and 6 a.m. every day of the week, unless they are with an adult.

Housing from page 1

Several weeks ago, during a routine test, workers discovered bacteria in the water used in Maranai and Mineo. Since then, says Fran LeDoux, facilities director, "They have been constantly testing." She continued, "The distribution of the bottled water has been discontinued, everything is still showing negative so apparently the cleaning of the tanks was something that we needed to do. But it doesn't necessarily mean anyone was doing anything wrong." Even though LeDoux admits, "We really don't have any answer for why it happened." Housing officials have taken steps to make sure all water is tested and safe. "Preventative medicine, environmental, Public Works and an outside source laboratory as well, all of those entities are constantly testing to make sure that we are maintaining this quality of water," she continued. "At any time, if there were any change what so ever, we would know it immediately." Water testing is usually done monthly, but in light of recent circumstances, it is now checked every week.

Curfew:

While much of the base is discussing a midnight curfew for junior enlisted Sailors, the housing areas are enforcing a curfew of their own—for kids. Children under seventeen are to be off the streets between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. every day of the week, unless they are with an adult. Says Mastropasqua, "That's not new, the

curfew has been in place." But in light of recent events, the housing department wants to make sure kids aren't out causing trouble. Peterson acknowledges that recently there has been an outbreak of vandalism, and people are, "breaking lamp posts ... tearing down nets on the basket ball courts, tearing down the back boards." This is an area of concern because if the perpetrators are not caught, the burden to replace each damaged fixture falls on Housing. "Which," explains Peterson, "means there's other things we can't do because the money's spent on restoration."

Housing costs:

For many people in housing, when the topic of restoration comes up, it's not until they're checking out, getting ready to move. And, says LeDoux, "Service members come to a duty station where the contracts are different than they are in the states ... these are items if you break it you can't just run to the Home Depot, or Wal-Mart and replace it with anything you want to." Those who work in housing realize it's hard to do an average fix-it project yourself, since supplies are limited. To that end, the Navy Exchange is creating a separate area for certain housing items. "They are only going to be able to carry items that are real costly or extremely hard to find out in town," LeDoux says. If you can't do a project on your own, you're looking at paying for anything that doesn't look like normal wear and tear.

Many times the tools to correct a housing problem are at the residents' fingertips. A big issue is yard maintenance, but LeDoux points out, "We provide the grass seed, the fertilizer, lawn mowers, the weed eaters, the water hoses, sprinkler heads, we provide everything imaginable—rakes, shovels. There's no reason and no excuse for not maintaining your yard." And there are people whose job it is to help residents figure out ways to restore their own houses. "We have housing area managers and they are at the site, every day, Monday through Friday,

and if anyone ever has any questions all they have to do is call the site, the area managers will come to their house, and give them advice on how to fix things," says LeDoux.

Out of the 81 people who checked in June and July, 10 people paid no maintenance fees. "There are people that have been recognized for having checked out and having a home that looked about the same as when they checked in," says Mastropasqua. It may be a small percentage, but it's doable.

Garbage:

Part of living in a community, LeDoux points out, is doing your part to keep everything up to par. That extends beyond house up-keep to garbage disposal. She explains that people don't always use the proper receptacles for their trash, which causes wide repercussions. "We've got plastic containers out there, and people putting their grass cuttings in there, their garbage, their baby strollers, their broken down shelves." When the leaser disposes of everything, he is charged astronomical fees for sorting the garbage, which housing then has to absorb. LeDoux hopes the residents will take responsibility for their surroundings. "The only way we can maintain this and maintain the neighborhood, we need the neighborhood join in and help us."

When it comes to housing rules, "Living in Sigonella is no different than living in San Diego or Norfolk or Great Lakes," says LeDoux, "you still have to go by the resident responsibilities."



By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Motta honors Saint Anastasia

On Aug. 23 through 25, a religious festival honoring Santa Anastasia (Saint Anastasia), the city patron saint will take place in the historic center. The Motta community will show its devotion to the saint with processions and holy masses. Complementing the religious festival, fireworks, folklore and music shows will be held in the city *Rioni* (districts).

Life of Saint Anastasia

According to tradition, Anastasia was a Roman lady of noble descent. She was the daughter of Praetextatus, a noble pagan. Although she grew up as a pagan, she converted later in life together with her mother to Christianity thanks to the teachings of St. Chrysogonus, her spiritual advisor.

When her mother died, Praetextatus forced her to marry a noble Roman, named Publius, who was also a pagan. As Publio realized she was a Christian and discovered her acts of piety, he confined her to the house. Later on, cruel Publius, who was appointed as the ambassador to the King of Persia, gave orders to an evil man to maltreat his wife so that he would find her dead upon his return. But Publius died during his journey. Therefore, Anastasia was freed, inherited all his properties and returned to her charity activities. Meanwhile, Emperor Diocletian began a terrible persecution against Christians that also involved St. Chrysogonus who suffered martyrdom in 303 AD.

During one of her extraordinary mission of charity, Anastasia went to Thessalonica where many Christians were under arrest for their faith. Having found that all the prisoners had been butchered, she started weeping loudly. Hence she was brought before the prefect, Florus to whom she confessed she was a Christian.

After several attempts to convince her to give up Jesus' faith, Anastasia was sent to the terrible Emperor Diocletian who was also unsuccessful in exhorting her to abandon her religion.

Eventually, prefect Florus sent her to prison with the intention of starving her. But as the days passed, Anastasia looked healthier instead of getting sick. Florus then thought that the jailer had transgressed his orders to starve her and ordered her to be put on board a ship with 120 idolaters and thieves. The ship was bored with holes and was supposed to sink. The ship soon filled with water, but instead of sinking miraculously went ashore thanks to the



Photo courtesy of Motta Tourist Office

The community of Motta will celebrate a religious festival honoring Saint Anastasia, the city patron saint, which will take place in the historic center from Aug. 23 through 25. The *fiesta* features processions, fireworks, historic parades, music shows and holy masses to be held in the three city districts.

intervention of Saint Theodora.

This miracle worked the conversion of all the idolaters and thieves.

Anastasia was then moved to the island of Palmarola where she was condemned to death, and burned at the stake in December 304 AD. Her martyred body was first buried in Zara, in Dalmatia. But about the year 460 AD under the Emperor Leo, her relics were transferred Constantinople (Istanbul).

Festival schedule highlights

On Aug. 23, celebrations open with a procession beginning at 9 p.m. All civilian, religious and military city officials take part in this procession, which starts from *Chiesa Madre* (cathedral) and proceeds through the town's streets.

The second day (Aug. 24) of the festival is marked by religious activities and flag wavers shows, which are held in the city districts (*Giovani Maestri, Panzera and Vecchia Matrice*).

The highlight of the festival is Aug. 25. In the morning at 10 a.m., a solemn Holy mass is held at the cathedral in piazza Castello. In the afternoon, spectacular historic parades are held starting at 5 p.m. The parade features period costumes encompassing the history of Sicily. Fireworks close the celebrations at midnight. The festival ends with a grand finale of fireworks at midnight.

Schedules are tentative and subject to change. For more information contact the Motta Tourist Office at 095-308161.

Peach festival to be held in Bivona

From Aug. 20 through 23, Bivona, a small mountain town in the Agrigento province, will host the annual *Sagra della pesca bivona* (Bivona Peach Festival), a two day family fun festival kicking off at 10 a.m. and open all day long and featuring arts & crafts, food vendors, cheerleader parades and live music entertainment. The festival begins in the afternoon and is held in piazza Ducale, the main square. Make sure you don't miss the peach tasting that will be held on Aug. 20 at 9 p.m., Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The city also offers beautiful monuments such as the gothic *Portale dei Chiaramonte* (Doorway of Chiaramonte), built in the 14th century and the mesmerizing *Palazzo Marchese Greco* (Marquis Greco Palace), a great example of the Sicilian baroque. The *Chiesa Madre* (cathedral), erected during the 17th century, and featuring a magnificent black crucifix that is venerated as miraculous, and the *Chiesa di Santa Rosalia* whose interior preserves a statue of the homonymous Saint, are also worth a visit. For more information call 320-7981309.

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TRIVIA

- 1) Which famous talk show host made a guest appearance on "Laverne & Shirley?"
- 2) In which year of the Modern Olympics were the Winter Games added; 1936, 1924, 1916, 1920?
- 3) Which planet has the largest volcano and the largest valley in the solar system; Earth, Mars, Venus, Jupiter?
- 4) What is the most populous country in Africa; Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco?
- 5) What was the name of the dog in "Fraggle Rock?"

(Answers on page 11)

Movie Connection

JOE'S Theater Schedule

Friday, Aug. 20



6 p.m.
Catwoman
(PG-13)**



8:30 p.m.
The Village
(PG-13)**



11 p.m.
The Manchurian Candidate
(R)**

Saturday, Aug. 21



6 p.m.
I, Robot
(PG-13)



8:30 p.m.
The Bourne Supremacy
(PG-13)



11 p.m.
The Chronicles of Riddick
(PG-13)

Sunday, Aug. 22



1 p.m.
Sleepover
(PG)



3:30 p.m.
Catwoman
(PG-13)



6 p.m.
The Manchurian Candidate
(R)

Monday, Aug. 23



6 p.m.
The Village
(PG-13)



8:30 p.m.
Spiderman 2
(PG-13)

Theater Closed Tuesdays

Wednesday, Aug. 25



6 p.m.
Garfield
(PG)*



8 p.m.
The Stepford Wives
(PG-13)*

Thursday, Aug. 26



6 p.m.
I, Robot
(PG-13)



8:30 p.m.
The Chronicles of Riddick
(PG-13)*

Friday, Aug. 27



6 p.m.
King Arthur
(PG-13)**



8:30 p.m.
Collateral
(R)**



8:30 p.m.
Dodgeball
(PG-13)

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DoDDS members earn master's degrees

By JOI Eric Brown
COMFAIRMED Public Affairs
Special to the Signature

For 15 Department of Defense Dependents' Schools (DoDDS) teachers and employees, this summer vacation has offered little in the way of vacation.

The same can be said of spring break, winter break and the summer vacation before that.

Instead of taking a break from their education, like most of their students, they have spent this time as students themselves, pursuing master's degrees in general education, to be awarded from Massachusetts' Framingham State College. But, luckily for these graduate students, they have not had to leave Italy – the classes were brought to them in Sigonella.

Cramming a master's degree into a mere nine weeks of instruction hasn't been easy, Debra Crenshaw will tell you.

"We have been working on no sleep, because there's two classes that we are working on at a time, and both of them are very challenging," said

Crenshaw, who teaches 3rd grade at the Stephen Decatur Elementary School. "We're up until about midnight working, and then we have to be back in class by 8 a.m. to do lessons, which includes writing and editing."

"That's a challenge, but it's definitely worth it." To the relief of all – which includes a dozen local students, as well as three from Naples, Italy – it's all coming to an end Friday, their graduation date.

Since the program began in August of 2003, nine Framingham instructors have come to Sigonella to teach subjects such as supervision and staff development, collaborative leadership, issues and strategies in reading and literacy, statistics, special education, and curriculum theory and practice.

"The professors are very good, and we have learned a lot," Crenshaw enthused. "There is a lot of practical application, and I have already been able to apply at least 95 percent of what I have learned so far in my classroom."

The three students from Naples have had the additional challenge of having to commute to school, a few hundred kilometers from home.

Craig Lord, a Spanish teacher at Naples American High School, estimated he has spent about \$7,000 getting his master's degree, with expenses including airfare, meals, tuition, course fees, registration and books. And it's been worth every penny.

"This is going to make me a better teacher simply because I know more about education, and educating the kids," he explained. "The bottom line is that I am a teacher, and I want to do my job the best I can. Both the students and I will be happier because of this."

The graduation ceremony will be held in the Sigonella Inn café, on Friday, at 1 p.m.



Master's degrees are awarded to students from Massachusetts' Framingham State College.



The 15 DoDDS teachers and employees stand in line after receiving their master's degrees at the Sigonella Inn Cafe on Aug. 13.

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Terrorists: They think you're not paying attention

Courtesy CNRE Public Affairs

Duty in Europe is, as much as anywhere else, safe.

"Exercise caution, use common sense, be aware of your surroundings, and there's really nothing to worry about here," according to Lt. Daron Johnson, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Officer for Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy.

"There's also Level I anti-terrorism [awareness] training which is given to all military and civilian personnel upon reporting for duty in Naples. We also provide the training to students attending the DoDDs schools." During this training, basic anti-terrorism awareness techniques are provided, as well as simple crime-prevention techniques. Often, American personnel, especially those who have never been assigned overseas, forget where they are and that things are different for Americans in an overseas environment than it is back in their hometowns — especially for military personnel.

"Even in the light of 9-11, some people still take their personal security for granted and become impatient when subjected to various security measures," says Johnson. "When people have to wait in long lines at airports or are not permitted to park close to buildings, they get frustrated and don't like the inconvenience positive security sometimes requires." But with the ever-changing nature of how terrorism acts are conducted, we can no longer afford to lower our guard — ever," he warns.

"It's better to be safe than sorry," Johnson preaches. "If there's a person loitering around your residence and it makes you uncomfortable, report it to base Security." While some personnel who reside off-base might communicate their suspicious person or vehicle concerns to a local host-national neighbor, others are unable to do this due to communication barriers or just prefer to keep to themselves. Johnson recommends that these people call their base security office.

"There's nothing wrong with reporting suspicious activity to Security," says Johnson. "It's all about being alert and aware of your surroundings."

"I was on a trip with friends," relates Johnson. "I was riding my motorcycle, and we passed some of the local Polizei. Then they passed us a little later, and we passed them a little further on. Then we came to a tollbooth, the police passed through the gate and stopped me on the other side. 'I knew I didn't do anything wrong,' he says. 'After I had given them my identification, they explained to me that the reason they stopped me was because they wanted to know why I was riding an American motorcycle with Italian plates. This was just the local police being

aware of their surroundings — plain and simple awareness. Something didn't seem right to them, so they checked it out."

The very nature of terrorism attacks and terrorists themselves has changed.

Some time ago, there was an incident where a car full of hooded occupants approached the front gate of a U.S. base which used to be located in Nua Makri, Greece. The planned attack, however, was foiled because the attackers chose a time when the sentries were changing. There was twice the number of Sailors at the front gate than what the terrorists had planned. As the vehicle with 4 occupants approached, they noted the larger group of Sailors in camouflage uniforms and Security vehicles at the gate and likely felt out-numbered; they sped off.

While those terrorists likely chose to drive off simply because of what is called a 'show of force,' today that same car might have contained only 1 driver and been laden with high-powered explosives instead of 4 occupants with shotguns. Today, a vehicle like that might approach a front gate of a military base and explode without any warning.

While the nature of the attacks may have changed, some things haven't changed. A heightened level of awareness is often all that's called for to foil a potential security threat. At your base, you might notice various measures being implemented that changes the routine of things thereby creating randomness and unpredictable routines.

"There really have been no complaints because of various implemented measures that often impact traffic flows," according to Johnson. "People understand. Surveillance is part of what these people do. That's why you should vary your routes to and from work every day. That's why you should never go running in your neighborhood, for example, at the same time every morning or evening. If someone's watching you, there is now a known pattern, this leaves you potentially vulnerable to terrorist or criminal activity. That's why numerous security measures are kept on a random basis," says Johnson.

When you're at a fast food establishment, the movie theater, or anywhere else on base, and see an unattended gym bag, report it. You might think that it's just a bag someone forgot, BUT IT MIGHT NOT BE.

"In Turkey recently," recalls Johnson, "there was an unattended bag along a perimeter fence which two Security patrolmen came upon while patrolling. One of the patrolmen kicked it and it exploded, thereby resulting in the loss of both legs to one officer and injuries to the other."

"If you see something you think is suspicious, report it," Johnson emphasizes. Exercise caution, be aware of your surroundings, and keep your office, coworkers or friends informed of your whereabouts."

Important SDSS Information

Students and parents of Stephen Decatur Secondary School (SDSS) should be aware of the following messages as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

1. Individual schedules are being mailed to parents and students.

Changes to those schedules may be made during scheduled times with a counselor as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 19	Seniors	A-Z 8:00am-3:00pm
Friday, Aug. 20	Juniors	A-L 8:00am-10:00am
	Juniors	M-R 10:00am-12:00pm
	Juniors	S-Z 1:00pm-3:00pm
Monday, Aug. 23	Sophomores	A-L 8:00am-10:00am
	Sophomores	M-R 10:00am-12:00pm
	Sophomores	S-Z 1:00pm-3:00pm
Tuesday, Aug. 24	Freshman	A-L 8:00am-10:00am
	Freshman	M-R 10:00am-12:00pm
	Freshman	S-Z 1:00pm-3:00pm
Monday, Aug. 30	Eighth Grade	A-L 8:00am-10:00am
	Eighth Grade	M-R 10:00am-12:00pm
	Eighth Grade	S-Z 1:00pm-3:00pm
Tuesday, Aug. 31	Seventh Grade	A-L 8:00am-10:00am
	Seventh Grade	M-R 10:00am-12:00pm
	Seventh Grade	S-Z 1:00pm-3:00pm
Wednesday, Sept. 1	Sixth Grade	A-L 8:00am-10:00am
	Sixth Grade	M-R 10:00am-12:00pm
	Sixth Grade	S-Z 1:00pm-3:00pm

2. Health physicals are required for all students who participate in sports during school year 2004-2005. Parents are encouraged to make arrangements for their child's physicals during summer recess to avoid absences when school begins.

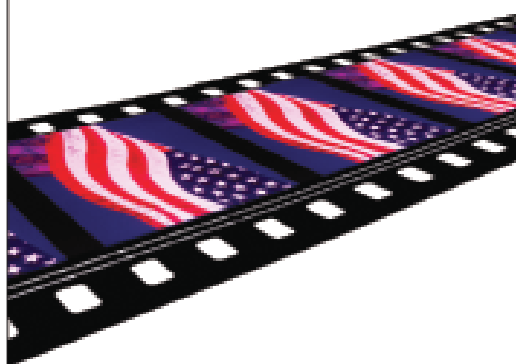
3. URGENT: Students and parents prepare for school, they should be aware that the following dress code will be enforced for the upcoming school year 2004-2005.

SDSS students shall NOT wear clothing, pins, jewelry, accessories or other items of adornment that:

- display obscene, profane, derogatory, violent or gang-related messages, themes, designs or pictures.
- convey messages related to or promoting the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, or messages that promote illegal activities.
- depict bawdy, salacious or sexually aggressive messages.
- are transparent or exposes the midriff, navel or cleavage.
- sag below the waistline or must be held in place with the hands. Example: pants, skirts and/or shorts.
- are underwear used as outer garments to include A-shirts unless covered by another shirt.
- are not appropriate for a classroom setting including, but not limited to, bathing suits and pajamas.
- are tank tops, halter tops, garments with spaghetti straps, tube tops, fishtail tops, strapless dresses, or other clothing not appropriate because of tears, rips or holes in the garment. Note: All tops must have a (minimum) 2" shoulder covering (on both shoulders.)
- are accessories, which could in some way pose a danger to the wearer or others and/or could be used as weapons.
- are too tight and/or inappropriate in length as measured by the following measuring method. (Finger tip length as determined when both of the student's hands are at his or her side.)
- exposed underwear.
- are head coverings or accessories not related to or required by student's bona fide religious practices (including, but not limited to hats, stocking caps, do rags, wave caps, scarves or bandanas). This does not include girl's headbands as long as they are not bandanas.
- are athletic jerseys with large armholes unless a shirt with small armholes is worn underneath.

4. All students must have two combination locks - one for their physical education locker and one for their personal locker.

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SPORTS

NEPMU 7 takes Captain's Cup crown



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2004 Captain's Cup swim meet results

Those who wanted to gain points for their respective commands swam in the 2004 Captain's Cup Swim Meet at the NAS II pool on Saturday.

Swimmers competed in events such as the 400-meter freestyle, 50-meter fly, 100-meter breast stroke, 100-meter individual medley and a 200-meter freestyle relay.

Navy Environmental Preventative Medicine Unit Seven (NEPMU 7) took first in the event by over whelming the other commands with their numbers. Rich McKeown who swam for, NEPMU 7, said this was the first Captain's Cup event the command has won to his knowledge.

1) Nepmu 7 - 247
 2) HC-4 - 121
 3) Hospital - 79
 4) Weapons - 30
 5) ETD - 27
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Swimmers competing in the Captain's Cup swim meet last Saturday swam in events such as the backstroke (above left) and the butterfly (above).
 Left: The first-place team of Navy Environmental Preventative Medicine Unit SEVEN (NEPMU 7).

The Lane

Free volleyball clinic

Pick up fundamental skills and strategies and gear up for MWR Intramural Fall Volleyball. Starts Sept. 13 and runs through Sept. 17, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each day at the NAS I Gym. Call 624-3785 for more information.

Intramural Flag Football

The season starts Sept. 20 at the Maranal Field. There will be a coaches meeting on Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. at the NAS II Gym. Rosters will be due at the meeting. Gear up for a serious challenge on the gridiron. Call 624-3785 for more information.

SDS Varsity Football

The Stephen Decatur Jaguar Varsity Football Team will hold its first official practice on Monday, Aug. 23 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the football field behind the barracks at NAS I. Wear shorts, T-shirts and athletic shoes. All athletes must have a valid current (less than one year old) sports physical in hand to be turned into Coach Wilnot before they can set foot on the practice field. Please be sure to drink plenty of water BEFORE coming to practice and bring water with you for water breaks. This season promises to be a banner year for the team if everyone makes football their prime commitment!



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Greek-American Sailor Runs in Olympic Torch Relay

By Journalist 3rd Class Jeffrey S. Campbell,
Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Public Affairs

LARISSA, Greece (NNS) — Lt. Cmdr. Demetrios Grimes, Navy Program manager at the U.S. Embassy in Athens, got the opportunity to carry the Olympic torch as the torch relay made its way through Larissa, Greece, en route to Athens July 31.

Grimes, a Greek-American, was the only U.S. Sailor to participate in the relay. He applied for the event while working at the NATO Joint Command South Center in Larissa, and earned a spot as a torch bearer by expressing his passion for what the Olympics stand for in an essay he wrote as part of the application process.

"When I heard about the torch relay, I filled out the application. There was an essay associated with it; I wrote my essay, and I just said that I've always been a believer in the Olympic movement — the tradition of peace, brotherhood, friendly competition and camaraderie that it promotes," said Grimes.

More than two dozen participants carried the flame through Larissa. They each ran about 300 meters — less than the distance of a lap around the Olympic track, but plenty of time to feel the Olympic spirit and pass it on.

Several of Grimes' former co-workers came out to show their support.

"Being a guest in this host country, we love to have the Olympics in this country," said Brig. Gen. Christian von Mirbach, assistant chief of staff for the German Army contingent at NATO Joint Command South Center, a NATO base in Larissa.

"That (the torch relay) was a great opening event, and that one of our officers participated was certainly a great opportunity."

As the runners passed, Larissa residents encouraged them with cheers and applause.

"The torch means that everybody's carrying a piece of peace — and friendship — and everybody's participating through this event," said Chara Tentolouri, who cheered on the runners with her friends.

The flame began this leg of its journey by setting out from Trikala, Greece, in the morning, on the way to meet a celebration in the city of Volos that evening.

The afternoon belonged to the city of Larissa, but citizens proudly shared it with visitors who gathered for a ceremony at the site of an ancient amphitheater.

"I wrote an essay, and they picked me. I got lucky," Grimes shared with smiling Greeks who shook his hand and snapped pictures.

One Greek woman politely asked to hold Grimes' torch; her husband also ran the torch relay during the 1972 Olympics in Munich, and she was proud to see the Olympics returning to Greece.

Being a Greek-American, and the only Sailor to represent the United States made the day extra special for Grimes.

"My heart was pounding. I just felt extremely proud to be a part of this historic event, and being Greek-American," Grimes said. "So I was fortunate enough to be assigned here in Greece during this historic event, and I'm grateful that I was able to do this."

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Two years later, the Pennsylvania native is continuing her adventure in Sicily. "I like the breadth of choices I have with my career," Ames states. "I can do research on bioweaponry, I can vaccinate camels in the desert. I can be wherever doing whatever and that really appeals to me."

Next on her list?

"I would like to do research on bioterrorism," Ames says, which is actually closely related to what she's already learned in her veterinary education. "All the diseases that are used as bioweapons are all [animal oriented] diseases to begin with." She wants to get her Ph.D., which means another three years of school, but she doesn't plan on getting trapped in a lab. That's the beauty of it," Ames remarks. "You can tailor your education and your experience."

Given Ames' past history, it's hard to guess where she'll end up, which is just fine with her. "I can't stay in one place and do the same thing. That's not for me. I like change, I like to see the world." She may not be working on Generals' horses, but she's definitely keeping her life exciting.



Army Capt. Abbe Ames talks with Pfc. Joaquin Ramos.

Trivia Answers

- 1) Jay Leno
- 2) 1924
- 3) Mars
- 4) Nigeria
- 5) Sprocket



NEX award winner is A-OK



CMDM Anthony Evangelista, Naval Air Station Sigonella command master chief, congratulates the 2003 - 2004 3rd quarter award winner for the Navy Exchange's A-OK reward program Stephanie Guerra, a nine-year-old Stephen Decatur Elementary School student, who won a \$3,000 United States Savings Bond. The award is presented to students in honor of their academic excellence by the NEX. The program was developed for the NEX system to enhance the quality of life of the military family and to further support the communities that surround Navy Exchanges.



AM1 Mark Bricker, assigned to Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN (VP-16), takes time to paint at the Stephen Decatur School.

VP-16 gives back to community

By LTJG Tanski PAO VP-16

The pride and professionalism of Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN (VP-16) the "War Eagles," deployed to Naval Air Station Sigonella goes well beyond their daily participation in joint NATO operations. Although tasked by the stresses of deployment and life away from their families in Jacksonville, these men and women have volunteered their time to make sure that they give something back to their host community.

More than 40 VP-16 Sailors have demonstrated that they are more than just an impressive military force; they are also a benefit to the quality of life of their community. This philosophy was clearly represented when the War Eagles took part in a recent base clean up and school painting. The War Eagles had a great turnout for base clean up, which proved to be a huge success. The squadron was responsible for filling three pickup trucks with garbage that was littered around NAS II. The young men and women of VP-16 donned surgical gloves and dragged garbage bags as they covered a vast area, contributing to the overall appearance of the base.

The War Eagles again took time away from their schedule to volunteer at the Stephen F. Decatur School on NAS I ready to work — and work is what they did. They took staples out of walls, patched holes in the drywall and prepped them to be painted. This hard working group was so productive that they got ahead of schedule and ran out of paint. But, instead of calling it quits, the War Eagles came together and returned to finish the job when more supplies were available. The men and women of VP-16 are living examples of Navy Core Values and clearly demonstrate what can be accomplished when Sailors are willing to give of themselves in order to better their community.



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